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Filed: May 25, 2001  
Title: ABRASIVE ARTICLE

Group Art Unit: 3723  
Examiner: Dung V. Nguyen

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☒ Other: Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted November 12, 2003 (copy enclosed herein).
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
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**2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently****3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:  
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other

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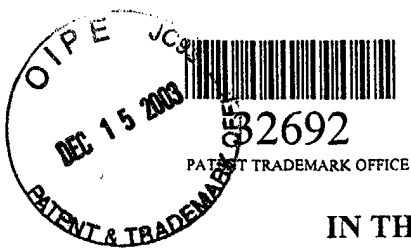
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449 citing a reference submitted for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the cited reference is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that the reference has been considered.

Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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